

Borough of Closter
Shade Tree Commission

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**CLOSTER NAMED TREE CITY USA FOR 18TH CONSECUTIVE
YEAR.... ANNOUNCES ARBOR DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Closter, NJ—The Closter Shade Tree Commission is pleased to announce for the 18th consecutive year, the Borough of Closter has been named a *Tree City USA* by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Closter achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program’s four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

“Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand”, said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it’s through volunteer engagement or public education.”

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

The Shade Tree Commission is also pleased continue our annual School Arbor Day Program by planting a tree at each public school and provide instruction to Closter’s students on tree planting and care. This event will take place on April 26th with the planting at Tenakill School scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and the planting at Hillside School at 10:30 a.m. All are invited.

The Shade Tree Commission works to enhance the community through the continued development of the Borough’s streetscape and by maintaining one of our most important natural resources. Additional information can be found at www.closternj.us

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